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Authorizes the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson to establish an automobile rental tax district and levy an automobile rental tax not to exceed two and one-half percent beginning July 1, 2012. (gov sig)

Current law imposes a 3% excise tax on short-term auto rentals. The state portion is a 2.5% levy and a local portion of 0.5% is included. The Department of Revenue collects the entire 3% levy and distributes the local portion back to the parish of rental. The tax has been in affect since 1991, but expires at the end of FY 2012.

Proposed law authorizes the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans to levy a local tax up to 2.5% beginning July 1, 2012 by adoption of an ordinance or resolution, but only after approval of a majority of the registered voters of a parish at a regularly scheduled election in the parish. The bill also provides for the distribution of the avails of the tax in Jefferson Parish.

EXPENDITURES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$12,000,000
Annual Total		\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$12,000,000

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Collection and distribution processes have been in place for some 22 years. The Department of Revenue should be able to continue those processes with respect to the particular local jurisdictions (if any) that choose to continue the local levy portion with little or no additional cost, other than notifying remitters of the lower tax rate.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The bill authorizes two local governments (Jefferson and Orleans parishes) to continue a tax collected for local governments that has been in place for some 22 years. However, the bill authorizes a levy up to 2.5%, rather than the 0.5% collected for local governments currently. The total tax burden will actually be decreased from 3% to the 2.5% authorized by this bill, since the state levy is expiring. In the last year, the 0.5% levy generated approximately \$544,000 in Jefferson Parish and \$53,000 in Orleans Parish. A levy of 2.5% in each parish would result in collections of approximately \$2.7 million in Jefferson Parish and \$265,000 in Orleans Parish. The total for these two parishes would be approximately \$3 million per year.

The requirement of a local election at a regularly scheduled parish election means that should these parishes impose this levy, they will not be able to collect the tax for a full year in FY13. The table above depicts the maximum effect if both parishes levy the tax by FY14.

Relative to current law, the authorization in the bill represents a tax increase from a prospective baseline of zero tax on these transactions. Relative to current practice, the authorization in the bill represents a tax decrease from a historical baseline of 3% tax on these transactions.

The state portion of the total levy (2.5%) also expires at the end of FY12, but the loss of the associated state receipts has already been incorporated into state revenue forecasts and budgeting. This bill does not address the state portion of the total levy, but effectively transfers it to the local level in lieu of the local 0.5% levy.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	H. Gordon Monk Legislative Fiscal Officer